

***** * MARONEY—NEW ADDITION TO THE CUBS * *****

Taking advantage of yesterday's idle period in the baseball war, Frank Chance, in line with his policy of improving each shining hour, and, incidentally, his ball team, went out and laid violent hands on one James F. Maroney, a free agent pitcher, and attached him to the Cub payroll. Much joy on the part of Mr. Maroney.

Said Maroney is an off-fin flinger who went on the spring jaunt with Hughey Jennings' Tigers. His work was pretty good, but when the Detroit helmsman acquired Bill Burns he had one southpaw too many, and Maroney was given his release and a railroad ticket, which doesn't get you anything at the pie counter.

If Maroney makes good on the West Side he needn't worry about his future. Chance is in desperate need of a reliable portsider, and will go to any lengths to get one. He already has Jack Pleister, but Jack is a sort of grab bag, and no one can tell just what's in him this year.

Chance is playing a hunch in signing up a man that Jennings has turned loose. It will be remembered that Hughey decided that Jimmy Archer didn't have the class to stick, and sent him back to the minors. And Archer is now the star of the West Side receivers.

Out of seven games scheduled five were postponed by rain. The

Browns walloped Detroit, and St. Louis again took the count from Cincinnati.

If Hank O'Day keeps his men traveling at the pace they have already set, he is going to be more disliked as a manager by the other seven teams in the National than he was as an umpire, which is some dislike. The Reds are off in front to a good lead, and are increasing it every day. New York, the nearest rival, makes a long road trip while the Rhinemen are at home, and with any kind of playing at all the westerners should forge farther ahead. O'Day has a team of sluggers, and Larry McLean is on the water wagon. Heretofore the great trouble in Cincinnati has been failure to stand up under fire by the pitching staff. If Hank can inject a little stamina into his fingers every team in the league will have to hustle to beat his aggregation.

Women athletes over the country are much peeved. They thought they were going to have a crack at the Olympic games, but the committee has been instructed not to select any female Annette Kellermanns.

Chicago money is going down heavily on the result of the Packey McFarland-Matt Wells bout in New York next Friday night. The Englishman is a tough cus-